

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Pleasant Hour Party.

The second Pleasant Hour party of the season was held last evening at the Lincoln hotel. There was a goodly attendance of young people, and delightful music was furnished by the state orchestra. The membership of this popular organization is not quite as large as anticipated at the commencement of the season; but much interest is being manifested, and the parties are marked by the zest of those present.

Ravola Dancing Party.

The Ravola club gave their first dancing party at Temple hall Friday evening. There was quite a large attendance and many beautiful toilets were worn by the ladies. Music was furnished by the Lansing orchestra. The club will give a number of parties during the season.

on the evening train for the east.

Grand Opera in Lincoln.

Miss C. C. Tennant Clary, whose indefatigable labor crowned with success the first season of grand opera in Omaha last winter, has been in Lincoln this week in the interest of the Western Opera association, and the successful establishment of grand opera in this city.

Miss Clary enjoys a national reputation as a musical and operatic organizer, and her name is a guarantee of excellence in any undertaking in which she may engage.

More than a year ago she conceived the idea of taking up the work of development of American opera where Mrs. Thurber and the American Opera company left off. She originated a plan which, if successfully carried out, will give a chosen number of western cities a season of grand opera on a most elaborate scale, and open the way for the formation and maintenance of a regular operatic company in each of the

which with the Shakespearean drama, constitutes the highest and best form of stage entertainment, except in the largest cities.

The actual expense of the three renditions of opera in this city on such a scale as Miss Clary proposes will be \$2,500. This will include everything. As in Omaha she proposes to establish a working basis by securing guarantees from citizens of such sums as will make that amount. In Omaha the guarantors were repaid, and the same will most unquestionably be done here.

Miss Clary is now presenting the matter to certain interested parties in Lincoln and if the proper degree of interest is manifested she will at once proceed to the actual work of organization.

The undertaking is an important one, the most important musical project ever laid before Lincoln people, and this city cannot afford to neglect the opportunity which is here offered for the advancement of musical culture in this

Mrs. A. H. Wells and daughters, of Cincinnati, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lippincott.

Mrs. Frank Brownell's mother, Mrs. Harding, returned to her home in Monmouth, Ill., Monday.

Mrs. P. C. Hall has returned to Omaha after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Funke.

The next Pleasant Hour party will be given Thanksgiving night and will be a fancy dress ball.

Mr. John Harris, of Chicago, who spent several days in this city, left for home Tuesday.

Lieutenant F. E. Bamford, 5th Inf. U. S. A., is the guest of Captain Campbell this week.

Miss May Bowers, of Whiting, Ia., is the guest of her uncle, Mr. J. H. Bowers, 3134 O street.

Mr. Bert Howey, United State bank examiner, was in the city this week.

Mrs. O. M. Thompson entertained the Au Falt card club this week.

Dr. R. C. Trogdon has returned from a visit at Mattoon, Ill.

Dr. Marguerite Sabin has returned from an eastern trip.

Mr. George J. Woods returned Sunday from Denver.

Miss Jennie Smith is visiting her sister in Denison, Tex.

Mrs. H. P. Foster is visiting friends in Pawnee City.

Mr. F. M. Woods went to Sutherland, Ia., Tuesday.

Mr. A. G. Greenlee left Tuesday for Denver.

Mr. Sam D. Cox left Tuesday for Chicago.

At the exceedingly low price of twenty-five cents for a good reserved seat and fifty cents for the best, there should not be a vacant seat at the State bands sacred concert at the Lansing Sunday.



Those present were: Misses Hunt-singer, Heaton, Rector, Hoover, Hooper, Winger, Cochran, Garten, Curtice, Harley, Ashton, Graham, Griffith, Houseworth, Overstreet, Turner and Jones; Messrs. Winger, Steiner, Walsh, Evans, McKee, McFarland, Shader, Merrill, Vaughn, Reagan, Harley, Garoutte, Ward, Lotheridge, Garoutte, Honeywell, Kitchen, Vanatta and Cullen.

Reading Club.

The initial meeting of a new East Lincoln literary society to be called the E. L. Reading club, under the supervision of Miss Dowell, assistant principal of the Elliott school, was held Friday evening at the home of Miss Stitzel, Twenty-fourth and R streets, and a selection read from Edward Everett Hale's "A Man Without a Country." The purpose of the club is to become familiar with leading writers and cultivate a taste for the best literature.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Barnes, corner Fifteenth and E streets, entertained a few friends at cards Friday evening. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Walters, Mr. and Mrs. James Marquis, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Aron, Mr. and Mrs. Hensley, Mr. and Mrs. Cauer, Dr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. William Grey, Miss E. Moffit, Mr. J. M. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wilcox and Mrs. Brown, of New York City.

Miss Bolshaw Entertained.

Miss Eva Bolshaw was pleasantly surprised Friday evening at her home, 2131 L street, the occasion of her birthday anniversary. Cards and dancing formed the evening's entertainment. Those present were Messrs. Echer, Fred and Phil Easterday, Harry Bowen, Horace Whitmore and Harry Linder; Misses Alice Whitmore, Myrtle Bonebrake, Mary Du Teil, Bertha Du Teil, Bertha Fletcher, Hattie Fletcher, Frankie Burleigh, Lelia Hawkins and Alma Pike.

Hard Times Whist Club.

Miss Rachel Brock, assisted by Mrs. Rehlander, entertained the Hard Times Whist club at its first meeting Tuesday evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Howe, Misses Jeannette Wilson, Mame Carson, Anne Funke, Nellie White, Mae Burr, Hallie Hooper, Bertie Clark, Fay Marshall, Messrs. John T. Dorgan, Ed Keating, Charles L. Burr, Frank Burr, W. F. Meyer, Fred W. Houtz, B. G. Dawes, W. F. Kelley, W. B. Robinson.

Freeman-Smith.

Mr. H. S. Freeman and Miss Maude Smith were united in marriage Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, at the bride's residence, 1445 D street, Rev. Dr. E. H. Curtis, of the First Presbyterian church officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman left

city. Miss Clary's plan was a bold one; but she commenced the task with a determination to succeed, and that she will succeed in her most commendable enterprise is now positively assured.

Her idea was to form a league of such western cities as Omaha, Kansas City, Denver, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sioux City, and once each year give a season of high class opera, produced by a large and specially selected company of acknowledged artists, re-inforced by specially trained local choruses. The plan included the establishment of a central operatic training school.

Omaha was selected for the experiment, and the venture was successful beyond all expectation. Two months ago, as a part of the general scheme, an operatic school was established in Omaha, under the immediate direction of Max Maretzek, one of the ablest vocal instructors in the country. The school derives some support from the Western Operatic association, enabling the management to give tuition at very reasonable prices. It is already nearly full, a number of Lincoln ladies being enrolled as pupils, and is rapidly taking high rank.

Omaha's second operatic season will begin the latter part of next April, and providing she meets with sufficient encouragement in this city to warrant her in making Lincoln a member of the operatic association, Miss Clary will bring her company, which will next season consist of 40 people, all capable artists, here immediately after the close of the Omaha engagement, for a three day's season, commencing May 1.

It is proposed to train a large local chorus, which will have the advantage of the special facilities at the command of Professor Maretzek, and this with the superb company which will be brought from the east will enable the promoters of the enterprise to present grand opera on a scale of unheard of magnificence, with elaborate scenery and costumes, and fine orchestral accompaniment. Miss Clary's ultimate idea is to have each of the cities maintain a complete operatic company of its own, competent to give the best operas. This end, she is confident, can be attained in less than five years. The plan is the same as that which has proved so valuable in Europe, and there is no apparent reason why it should not meet with the same encouragement and be followed by the same beneficial results here.

Since the inter-state commerce act made it impracticable to put large opera companies on the road there are positively no opportunities to witness adequate presentations of grand opera,

city and the establishment on a permanent basis of an annual entertainment of the very highest order.

Minor Mention.

A sprinkling of society leaders were seen at the Lansing Sunday evening, and everyone present was free to express their opinion of the excellent work of the Nebraska State band and their soloists. Tomorrow evening the band will put on another fine program and the house, at the low prices offered should be packed. The best seats go at 50 cents and a good reserved seat can be secured for 25 cents.

Mrs. Jessie Stiles entertained a few friends in an informal manner Friday evening. Art and theatricals were enjoyed by all present. The house was beautifully decorated with ferns and roses. Prizes were presented to those winning the largest number of correct art names.

The funeral of Jay, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lansing, occurred Wednesday from the family residence. Much affection was centered in the child, and the affliction is a severe blow to Mr. and Mrs. Lansing and the family.

Mrs. A. C. Pennock and daughter, Miss Carrie Maude, of Omaha, are guests at the residence of Dr. I. S. Leavitt, 144 South Twenty-ninth street. Miss Pennock is a graduate of the state university, and is well known in Lincoln.

The Lincoln Light Infantry will hold their regular monthly inspection on Monday evening, November 13, in their drill hall. All friends of the company can procure cards of admission from the members.

Mrs. J. W. Maxwell, of Washington, is in the city the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Oakley. This is Mrs. Maxwell's first visit in this city since leaving Lincoln two years ago.

Mr. T. H. McGahey left Lincoln for Quincy, Ill., Monday. He will engage in business there with Mr. James Irvine, formerly in the German National bank of this city.

Movius, the famous baritone of Berlin, now with the Nebraska conservatory of music, will sing at the State Band sacred concert Sunday evening.

Miss Emma Moffit, Denver's greatest contralto will sing two numbers at the State Band Sacred Concert Sunday evening.

Messrs. Jennie and Mary Louise Underwood have returned from an extended visit in Chicago and other points in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Burr returned from Hot Springs, S. D. the first of the week.



A Bright Lad,

Ten years of age, but who declines to give his name to the public, makes this authorized, confidential statement to us:

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